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1. FOLLOWING SBC MEMBERS HAVE NOT APPEARED AT CURRENT SESSION:
GUATEMALA, NICARAGUA, PANAMA, LIBYA, GUINEA, GABON, GUYANA,
AND CONGO.

2. CHILE. STEVENSON MET WITH ZEGERS WHO INDICATED HE WOULD WORK
TO IMPROVE WORK IN SUBCOMMITTEE II BY SUPPORTING INFORMAL
DRAFTING GROUPS OF SPONSORS TO REDUCE NUMBER OF ALTERNATIVE
DRAFTS, BUT COULD NOT URGE COMMITTEE TO TAKE UP MOST IMPORTANT
ITEMS FIRST. STEVENSON SUGGESTED HE SUPPORT TAKING UP ITEMS
ON WHICH THERE WERE LARGEST NUMBER OF PROPOSALS IN INTEREST OF
REDUCING ALTERNATIVES AND HE AGREED TO DO THIS.

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ZEGERS INDICATED HIS HOPE WAS THAT MOST IMPORTANT ARTICLES CONSTITUTING PACKAGE DEAL COULD BE AGREED IN SANTIAGO WITH BALANCE IN VIENNA AND TREATY CALLED TREATY OF SANTIAGO-VIENNA. IF ADDITIONAL PREPARATORY WORK NECESSARY, SHOULD BE DONE BY COMMITTEE RATHER THAN PRELIMINARY MEETING OF CONF SINCE DESIRABLE NOT HAVE MANY NEW FACES UNTIL PREPARATORY WORK COMPLETED. HOWEVER, COMMITTEE COULD BECOME ORGAN OF CONF RATHER THAN OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY. IF THIS NECESSARY PREPARATORY MEETING COULD BE HELD IN NEW YORK IN MARCH/APRIL AND CONFERENCE POSTPONED TO JULY/AUGUST SINCE GROUP OF 77 AND OAU MEETING IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY.

ZEGERS SAID HE WOULD WORK FOR INCLUSION OF PERMANENT SC MEMBERS ON BOTH GENERAL COMMITTEE AND DRAFTING COMMITTEE OF CONF, BUT MUCH OPPOSITION TO THIS IN LA GROUP THOUGH GENERALLY RECOGNIZED US AND USSR SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN BOTH.

WITH RESPECT TO ZEGER'S CONCERN OVER VERY TOUGH USSR SPEECH INDICATING MIGHT NOT PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE, STEVENSON EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE TO BOTH THE USSR AND US OF VOTING PROCEDURES AT THE CONF. ZEGERS INDICATED THAT IN HIS VIEW IT WOULD NOT BE FEASIBLE TO OBTAIN EITHER A HIGHER MAJORITY THAN TWO THIRDS OR A GENERAL COMMITTEE VETO ON WHEN VOTING TAKES PLACE. HE INDICATED IT MIGHT BE FEASIBLE TO OBTAIN AND HE WOULD FAVOR A PROPOSAL THAT VOTING NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL THE GENERAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS PROVIDING THE PLENARY COULD OVERRULE THE GENERAL COMMITTEE AFTER AN APPROPRIATE TIME DELAY.

ZEGERS INDICATED THE IMPORTANCE OF PRIVATE AND UNOFFICIAL TALKS, NOT PUBLIC, ON STRAITS AND COASTAL STATE RESOURCE JURISDICTION AND ITS DEEP SEABED WITH THE INTERESTED COUNTRIES, IN THE INTEREST OF DETERMINING THE GENERAL OUTLINES OF AN ACCEPTABLE PACKAGE.

3. NORWAY. SOURCE IDENTIFIED WITH US INTERESTS ON MARINE POLLUTION IN KEEPING COASTAL STATES FROM INTERFERING WITH SHIPPING. BELIEVING POLLUTION ENFORCEMENT ZONE IS UNAVOIDABLE HE RECOMMENDED LOW US PROFILE ON ISSUE, AVOIDANCE OF FURTHER REFERENCES TO IMCO, AND PREVENTION OF DELEGATION OF STANDARD MAKING AUTHORITY FOR VESSELS TO COASTAL STATES THEREBY LEAVING

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QUESTION OPEN UNTIL AFTER CONVENTION IS SIGNED WHEN IMCO FILLS THE VACUUM.

4. UK. FISHERY SPECIALIST PETER POOLE ATTENDED SESSION BRIEFLY AND THEN RETURNED TO UK TO EVALUATE CURRENT SITUATION IN LOS NEGOTIATIONS, ICELANDIC PROBLEM, AND PUBLIC AND OFFICIAL OPINION IN UK. HE THOUGHT UK FISHERY POSITION WOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY ALTERED THIS SUMMER BUT NOT APPROVED BY CABINET

UNTIL SEPT. THUS UK NOT IN POSITION AT THIS SESSION TO NEGOTIATE IN ANY DIRECTION BUT CONSERVATIVE POSITION ADVOCATING USE OF REGIONAL FISHERIES COMMISSION TO ASSURE CONSERVATION AND EQUITABLE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES. POOLE NOTED SUCCESSFUL FISHING YEAR OFF ICELAND. ICJ QUOTA WAS 170,000 TONS, CATCH WOULD BE 160,000. HE NOTED SOME PROGRESS ON FRG-ICELAND TALKS BUT STALEMATE IN THEIR OWN DUE TO GUNBOATS/HARRASSMENT. IN SUMMARY, NO PROGRESS IN SIGHT, BUT RESPIRE FROM CONFRONTATION WELCOME TO BOTH SIDES. HOWEVER, UK RECOGNIZES THAT IN LONG RUN, THEY ARE OUT.

5. IRAQ. SOURCE INDICATED SUPPORT FOR FREE TRANSIT OTHERWISE IRAQ BLOCKED IN PERSIAN GULF BY IRAN'S ISLANDS, BUT THEY CANNOT GIVE PUBLIC SUPPORT. HE ATTRIBUTES SCII LACK OF PROGRESS TO LACK OF EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP.

6. CANADA. LAPOINTE, IN SPANISH DELOFF PRESENCE, DISTINGUISHED BETWEEN STRAITS WITH ESTABLISHED INTERNATIONAL USAGE AND THEIR OWN RELATIVELY UNUSED STRAITS SUCH AS BARROW AND NW PASSAGE. HE INDICATED TO SPAIN THEIR POSITIONS COULD BE CLOSER TOGETHER DESPITE CANADA CO-SPONSORSHIP OF L.38 AND URGED RE-EXAMINATION OF CANADA'S ORIGNAL FISHERIES PROPOSAL.

7. CHINA. CHANG PIN-HSI (PHD GEOLOGY HARVARD ABOUT '48 OR '49) GAVE IMPRESSION PRC HAS NOT DETERMINED POSITION ON SEVERAL MAJOR LOS ISSUES BUT ARRIVING AT THEM SINGLY.BASSIN

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